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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract, as follows:

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A process for making a non-phosphate, zeolite-built detergent tablet, the process comprising a first step of providing a detergent composition, a second step of forming a particulate material comprising the detergent composition, and a third step of compressing the particulate material in a tablet form, the process being characterized in that it further comprises a step of cooling the detergent composition below ambient temperature between the first and the third step.

A separate copy of the amended Abstract is attached as page 3.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, lines 20 - 26, with the following amended paragraph:

The tablets may comprise components such as fragrance, surfactants, enzymes, detergents etc.... Typical tablet compositions for the preferred embodiment of the present invention are disclosed in the pending European applications of the Applicant no. 96203471.6, publication date 6/10/98, 96203462.5, publication date 6/10/98, 96203473.2, publication date 6/10/98, and 96203464.1, publication date 6/10/98, for example. Elements typically entering in the composition of detergent tablets or of other forms of detergents such as liquids or granules are detailed in the following paragraphs.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 20, through page 31, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

Suitable examples of proteases are the subtilisins which are obtained from particular strains of *B. subtilis* and *B. licheniformis*. Another suitable protease is obtained from a strain of *Bacillus*, having maximum activity throughout the pH range of 8-12, developed and sold by Novo Industries A/S under the registered trade name ESPERASE. The preparation of this enzyme and analogous enzymes is described in British Patent Specification No. 1,243,784 of Novo. Proteolytic enzymes suitable for removing protein-based stains that are commercially available include those sold under the tradenames ALCALASE and SAVINASE by Novo Industries A/S (Denmark) and MAXATASE by International Bio-Synthetics, Inc. (The Netherlands). Other proteases include Protease A (see European Patent Application 130,756, published January 9, 1985) and Protease B (see ~~European Patent Application Serial No. 87303761.8, filed April 28, 1987, and~~ European Patent Application 130,756, Bott et al, published January 9, 1985).

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